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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An IC card adapter device for host electronic equipment comprising:
 - a device case ~~loaded~~ connected with the host electronic equipment;
 - a loading portion provided at one side surface of the device case adapted to ~~load~~ connect the host electronic equipment, the host electronic equipment including at least one semiconductor integrated circuit element, and said host electronic equipment including a first terminal;
 - a second terminal provided at the loading portion of the device case, adapted for performing transmission/reception of data to the first terminal;
 - an insertion/withdrawal opening provided at the other side surface opposite to the one side surface of the device case;
 - cut portions respectively provided at the other side surface of the device case, and serving to face toward the external surface, ~~wherein the cut portions are opposite to each other and their dimensions are different to each other~~ wherein one of the cut portions is greater than the other serving to face a memorandum area of an IC card toward the external surface so that the memorandum area can be visually recognized in the state where the IC card is connected to the IC card adapter device;

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a first insertion direction indication portion provided on the upper surface of the casing of the IC card adapter device to conform insertion direction into the insertion portion of the host equipment; and

a second insertion direction indication portion and an insertion attitude indication portion provided at the bottom surface of the casing of the IC card adapter device, said insertion attitude indication portion consisting of a model view of the IC card to prevent erroneous insertion of the IC card.

2. (Currently Amended) The IC card adapter device for said host electronic equipment as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the cut portions are substantially symmetrical with a line in width direction perpendicular to insertion direction of the IC card.

3. (Currently Amended) The IC card adapter device for said host electronic equipment as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the cutting portion is formed so that the bottom face side of the device case is greater than the top face side thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) The IC card adapter device for said host electronic equipment as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the second terminal and the connecting portion of the IC card are electrically connected through a relay board disposed on the device case.

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5. (Currently Amended) The IC card adapter device for said host electronic equipment as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the loading portion is provided with an erroneous insertion preventing recessed portion provided at one end side of the host electronic equipment when the host electronic equipment is loaded connected in a normal state.

6. (Currently Amended) The IC card adapter device for said host electronic equipment as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the IC card adapter device dimensions are substantially the same as the standard dimensions for said host electronic equipment.